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SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR HAS REVIEWED REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO COVER LAST THREE MONTHS OF AID/OPS MISSION. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO REQUEST USG ASSISTANCE, EVEN AFTER OPS CLOSURE. CREATION OF SUBCOMMISSION ON INTERNAL SECURITY PROPOSED. END SUMMARY.

1. REF A WAS RECEIVED IN TIME TO CANCEL DECEMBER 31 APPOINTMENT WITH PRINCE FAHAD REQUESTED TO DISCUSS SURVEY. AMBASSADOR DID, HOWEVER, SEND LETTER REMINDING FAHAD OF URGENT NEED FOR FUNDS TO CARRY AID/OPS BEYOND JANUARY 1. PREVIOUS LETTER ON THIS SUBJECT WAS SENT DECEMBER 15. NO REQUEST FOR FUNDING OF SURVEY TEAM HAS YET BEEN MADE, THOUGH THIS WAS PROMISED SOON IN DECEMBER 15 LETTER.

2. IN DETERMINING WHICH USG OFFICE IS MOST APPROPRIATE TO RESPOND TO FUTURE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR (MOI) REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, BELIEVE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE BORNE
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IN MIND:

A. MOI WILL HAVE CONTINUING NEED FOR TRAINING IN VARIOUS AREAS OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIELD. WE THINK IT NOT UNLIKELY THAT 50 CANDIDATES PER YEAR MIGHT BE SENT TO THE U.S. FOR TRAINING, EITHER FROM USG, OTHER GOVERNMENT, OR PRIVATE SOURCES. IF WE ARE TO RESPOND TO THESE REQUESTS, WE WILL NEED SOME CENTRAL OFFICE FAMILIAR WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING. OUR ABILITY TO ASSIST IN THIS AREA PROBABLY PRODUCES MOST IMPORTANT LONG-RANGE BENEFITS FOR U.S. INTERESTS. (OUR INTEREST IN THE INTERNAL STABILITY AND SECURITY OF SAUDI ARABIA IS TOO OBVIOUS TO REQUIRE ADUMBRATION HERE.)

B. TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT (TCA), NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SAG, WOULD, WHEN SIGNED AND FUNDED, PROVIDE UMBRELLA UNDER WHICH ADVISERS COULD BE ASSIGNED TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. THE DIRECTOR OF TCA OFFICE AND HIS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING HOUSING AND OTHER ESSENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT IN SAUDI ARABIA.

3. MORE IMMEDIATE, WE THINK, THAN QUESTION OF HOW TO BACKSTOP ANY FUTURE ADVISERS WHICH MOI MIGHT REQUEST IS QUESTION OF WHAT OFFICE WOULD OVERSEE COMPLETION, PRINTING, AND PRESENTATION OF MOI SURVEY REPORT IF OPS IS PHASED OUT ON MARCH 1.

4. QUESTION TO WHICH WE URGENTLY REQUIRE ANSWER IS WHETHER CLOSURE OF OPS/W BY MARCH 1 WOULD NECESSITATE RETURN OF PRESENT ADVISERS BY THEN, OR WHETHER THEY MAY CONTINUE UNTIL TERMINATION OF USG-SAG AGREEMENT ON MARCH 31. ADDITIONAL MONTH IS IMPORTANT, SINCE IF MOI ASKS ANY MEN TO REMAIN, THERE IS CHANCE THEY MIGHT BE FUNDED UNDER TCA BY END OF MARCH, BUT LESS CHANCE OF THIS BY END OF FEBRUARY.

5. JOINT SECURITY COMMISSION: NOTWITHSTANDING PARA 2 (ABOVE), EMBASSY HAS WONDERED FOR SOME TIME IF CREATION OF SUBCOMMISSION ON INTERNAL SECURITY, UNDER JOINT CONFIDENTIAL

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SECURITY COMMISSION, WOULD NOT PROVIDE BEST WAY TO INSURE CONTINUING USG ROLE IN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR. ON SAUDI SIDE, SUBCOMMISSION WOULD BE HEADED BY DEPMIN INT PRINCE NAIF. USG SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERSHIP WOULD OF NECESSITY BE DIVIDED AMONG NUMEROUS AGENCIES, BUT WE BELIEVE FBI WOULD BE MOST LIKELY AGENCY TO PROVIDE USG SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMAN AND TO COORDINATE USG RESPONSES TO SAG REQUESTS. THERE WOULD NEED TO BE

LITTLE IF ANY DOD INVOLVEMENT IN THIS FIELD.

6. IN ADDITION TO INSURING CONTINUING ACCESS TO MIN INT OFFICIALS, AND CONTRIBUTING TO INTERNAL SECURITY, A MAJOR BENEFIT OF CONTINUING USG INVOLVEMENT IS OPPORTUNITY FOR LARGE COMMERCIAL SALES. PRESENT AID/OPS TEAM HAS ALREADY STEERED MOI TOWARD U.S. SOURCES FOR MANY PURCHASES OF EQUIPMENT IN VARIOUS PUBLIC SAFETY AREAS. (NESBITT, NOW IN WASHINGTON, MAY BE ABLE TO ESTIMATE SIZE OF PURCHASES IN RECENT YEARS.) THIS IS ALSO IMPORTANT FACTOR IN OUR FEELING THAT PRESENT SURVEY SHOULD GO AHEAD, SINCE IT MAY WELL RESULT IN SIZABLE COMMERCIAL PURCHASES, PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNICATIONS FIELD, FROM U.S. SOURCES.

7. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. WILL PRESENT ADVISERS BE ABLE TO REMAIN AFTER MARCH 1?

B. WASHINGTON VIEWS ON INTERNAL SECURITY SUBCOMMISSION, HEADED BY FBI OFFICIAL.

C. GUIDANCE ON PROPOSED MIN INT SURVEY.
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